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Atty. Dkt. 330-243

Sir:

Date: January 29, 2002

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

METHOD FOR PRODUCING SUBSTRATE BLANK, SUBSTRATE AND INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

26 pages of specification and claims (including 13 numbered claims), and

2 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

-  Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

- ☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

2001-20379

JP

29/01/2001

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- ☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

- The prior application is assigned to

- It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

- ☒ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

- ☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

- ☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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- ☐ See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

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